

# Church Planting Profile:

## **Biddeford, Maine**

**Summary:** Biddeford is located in York County on the Atlantic Ocean. It is about twenty miles southwest of Portland in a region that also includes Saco and Old Orchard Beach. It is the home of the La Kermesse Franco-Americaine Festival and the resort community, Biddeford Pool. The population is generally white, relatively young, and less affluent than the surrounding towns. Evangelical Christians make up less than 2% of the population of York County. There is an OPC church and a PCA church in Portland.



*Downtown Biddeford*

source: wikipedia.com

### **Demographics:**

**City Population, 2007: 21,594**

*Pop. change: +3.9% since 2000*

**County Pop., 2007: 201,341**

#### **Racial Breakdown:**

<i>White, non-Hispanic</i>	96.7%
<i>Two or more races</i>	1.1%
<i>Hispanic</i>	0.7%
<i>Black</i>	0.6%
<i>Other</i>	1.6%

**Median Age: 36.4 (38.6 ME)**

#### **Age Breakdown:**

<i>Under 18</i>	22.1%
<i>Ages 18-24</i>	11.1%
<i>Ages 25-44</i>	29.5%
<i>Ages 45-64</i>	21.8%
<i>Age 65 and over</i>	15.5%

**Avg. Household Size: 2.3 people**

**Avg. Family Size: 2.9 people**

### **Economics:**

**Median Household Income, 2007: \$41,978**

**Median House/Condo Value, 2007: \$225,939**

**Regional Unemployment Rate, 12/08: 5.5%**

**Cost of Living, 2008 (US average = 100): 124.5**

#### **Principal Industries in County:**

<i>Trade, Transportation, Utilities</i>	23.7%
<i>Education and Health Services</i>	20.7%
<i>Manufacturing</i>	18.2%
<i>Hospitality</i>	14.1%

#### **Principal Employers:**

<i>Webber Hospital Association</i>	1100
<i>Southern Maine Medical Cntr.</i>	1000
<i>City of Biddeford</i>	800
<i>University of New England</i>	610

### **Other:**

#### **Educational Attainment Breakdown (age 25+)**

<i>High School or higher</i>	78.0%
<i>Bachelor's Degree or higher</i>	16.7%
<i>Graduate/Professional Degree</i>	5.5%

#### **Nearest Major Colleges and Universities:**

<i>Univ. of N. England (Biddeford – 2251 students)</i>
<i>Univ. of South. Maine (19 miles – 7381 students)</i>

#### **Principal Media Outlets:**

<i>Newspaper: Biddeford Journal Tribune</i>
<i>Radio: WIDE (1400 AM) WCYY (94.3 FM)</i>

**Average January Low Temperature: 11.3°**

**Average July High Temperature: 76.3°**

**Average Annual Rainfall: 47.1 inches**

**Average Annual Snowfall: 68 inches**

### **Biddeford Places of Worship:**

Christ Episcopal Church (ECUSA)

[www.christchurchbiddeford.org](http://www.christchurchbiddeford.org)

Anchor Baptist Church (Independent)

[www.anchor-baptist.com](http://www.anchor-baptist.com)

Biddeford Church of Christ

[www.biddefordchurchofchrist.org](http://www.biddefordchurchofchrist.org)

New Life Church (Independent)

[www.newlifemaine.org](http://www.newlifemaine.org)

St. Joseph's Parish (Roman Catholic)

[www.catholic-parishes.biddeford.me.us](http://www.catholic-parishes.biddeford.me.us)

First Apostolic Church (Independent)

[www.oneapostolicway.org](http://www.oneapostolicway.org)

Second Congregational Church

Bethany Baptist Church

Advent Christian Church